

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to recite the cross-reference information.

Various claim adjustments have been made to remove multiple dependencies. No substantive claim changes have been made, and no new matter has been introduced. The changes are changes to the claims as the claims existed after entry of the response to the Written Opinion dated October 12, 2004. See pages 9-11 of the enclosed copy of that response.

Early consideration of the application and claims as amended is earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary to have this Preliminary Amendment entered and considered and/or to secure a filing date before the expiration of the 30-month nationalization deadline.

Respectfully submitted,



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